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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN ELECTION RESULTS AS OF 1600 MAY 4

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1. SUMMARY. LATEST OFFICIAL RESULTS FROM THE ELECTION INSTITUTE GIVE GOLKAR 61.66 PERCENT, PPP 29.50 PERCENT AND PID 8.84 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, BASED ON OVER 90 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL EXPECTED RETURNS. PPP HAS DEFINITELY WON PLURALITIES IN JAKARTA AND ACEH AND IS RUNNING NECK-AND-NECK WITH GOLKAR IN SOUTH KALIMANTAN. GOLKAR LEADS RUN FROM COMFORTABLE TO MASSIVE EVERYWHERE ELSE. PPP HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS

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ALLEGED MAJOR IRREGULARITIES IN EAST JAVA AND ELSEWHERE, AND HAS IMPLIED IT MAY NOT ACCEPT THE RESULTS IF THE IRREGULARITIES ARE NOT RECTIFIED. END SUMMARY.

2. GOLKAR IS MAINTAINING A SOLID LEAD IN THE LATEST RETURNS FROM THE ELECTION INSTITUTE. WITH ABOUT 60 MILLION VOTES COUNTED (OUT OF AN EXPECTED 63-65 MILLION TOTAL), GOLKAR HAS RECEIVED

36.7 MILLION (61.66 PERCENT), PPP 17.5 MILLION (29.50 PERCENT) AND PID
D
5.3 MILLION (8.84 PERCENT) VOTES. TRANSLATED INTO PARLIAMENTARY
SEATS THESE FIGURES WOULD BY OUR ROUGH CLACUALTIONS GIVE GOLKAR
229 (MINUS 7 FROM CURRENT STRENGTH), PPP 102 (PLUS 8) AND PID 29
(MINUS ONE).

3. PPP HAS WON IN JAKARTA AND ACEH, AND IS TRAINING GOLAKR
BY ONLY 400 VOTES IN SOUTH KALIMANTAN. ELSEWHERE, GOLKAR ENJOYS
MARGINS RANGING FROM COMFORTABLE TO MASSIVE. GENERALLY GOLKAR CON-
TINUES TO DO WELL IN CENTRAL AND EAST JAVA AND IN EASTERN
INDONESIA, WHILE PPP HAS MADE GAINS IN SUMATRA AND
KALIMANTAN. PDI IS RUNNING THIRD EVERYWHERE BUT BALI,
EAST NUSATENGARA AND IRIAN JAYA, IN WHICH AREAS IT IS
A VERY DISTANT SECOND TO GOLKAR. A PID SPOKESMAN TODAY
ADMITTED HIS PARTY'S SHOWING WAS "A DISSAPOINTMENT," AND
SAID THE PARTY MUST "SERIOUSLY EXAMINE ITSELF" IF IT
IS TO IMPROVE BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTION.

4. DESPITE ITS STRONG SHOWING IN SEVERAL AREAS, PPP
IS EVINCING INCREASING DISCONTENT OVER THE OFFICIAL
ELECTION RETURNS. LATE THIS AFTERNOON, AFTER A THREE
HOUR "CLOSED MEETING" OF THE PPP CENTRAL LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL, THE PARTY ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING IT WAS
SENDING A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT, REQUESTING
A MEETING WITH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS
ALLEGED SERIOUS ELECTION IRREGULARITIES IN EAST
JAVA AND ELSEWHERE.

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5. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY AN EMBOFF, A
PPP SPOKESMAN SAID THE PARTY MEETING HAD RECEIVED A
FIRST HAND BRIEFING FROM LEADERS OF THE EAST JAVA PPP,
ALLEGING THAT THE "FANTASTIC" TOTAL OF 3 MILLION
VOTERS IN THAT PROVINCE HAD EITHER BEEN DENIED THE
OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE, HAD THEIR BALLOTS INVALIDATED,
OR CHOSE NOT TO VOTE. "MORE THAN ONE
MILLION PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM MEMBERS OF THE KA'BAH
PARTY," HAD NOT RECEIVED THEIR OFFICIAL "INVITATIONS"
TO VOTE, WHILE "MANY BALLOTS" WERE DECLARED INVALID
BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN IMPROPERLY PIERCED. IN ADDITION,
CHARGED PPP, THE REQUIREMENT THAT VOTE COUNTS AT THE
VILLAGE LEVEL BE RE-CHECKED AND RE-WITNESSED AT THE
SUB-DISTRICT AND DISTRICT LEVEL WAS BEING COMPELETLY
IGNORED IN EAST JAVA. AS A RESULT, WHILE PPP'S OWN
"FINAL" TALLY SHOWS THEIR PARTY RECEIVING 5.8 MILLION
VOTES IN EAST JAVA, THE ELECTION INSTITUTE FIGURES,
APPPARENTLY NEARLY COMPLETE, GIVE THE PPP ONLY 4.7 MILLION
VOTES. THIS DISCREPANCY, SAID THE PPP SPOKESMAN, IS

"HARD TO UNDERSTAND." THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PPP HAD EXPERIENCED SIMILAR "VERY SERIOUS" DIFFICULTIES IN A NUMBER OF OTHER AREAS, ESPECIALLY WEST JAVA, NORTH SULAWESI AND SOUTH SULAWESI, WHERE ALREADY PIERCED (FOR GOLKAR) BALLOTS WERE ALLEGEDLY HANDED OUT TO VOTERS IN LIEU OF BLANK BALLOTS. IN LIGHT OF ALL THIS, SAID THE SPOKESMAN, THE PPP WOULD RECONSIDER ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ELECTIONS AFTER ITS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, AND HE CONCLUDED, "OUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE ELECTIONS ONLY APPLIES TO HONEST ELECTIONS."

6. COMMENT.THE PPP WILL PROBABLY GET THEIR MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, THOUGH IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW THEIR COMPLAINTS CAN BE RESOLVED. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSENT TO A RE-VOTE IN EAST JAVA, BUT ANYTHING LESS WOULD SEEM TO RAISE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBILITY THAT PPP WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE RESULTS, FROM EAST JAVA AT LEAST, AS LEGAL.
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